(c) Western Coalfields Limited, have sanctioned Morpar project in June, 1989 with a target capacity of 0.28 million tonne per annum and capital investment of Rs., 18.14 crores. The mine is expected to start production by 1994-95. Another project report for Bander blocks is under formulation. In the remaining blocks exploration work is in progress.

Terrorists' Attempt to Blow Bhakra Canal

3491. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether suspected terrorists have made an attempt to blow the Bhakra Canal in Ropar district of Punjab recently;

(b) if so, the damage caused to this Canal; and

(c) the steps being taken for the safety of the said canal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A small portion of concrete in the Siswan super passage on Bhakra Main Canal was chipped off as a result of a bomb blast on 11th November, 1991. This was immediately repaired.

(c) The Government of Punjab have reviewed and are strengthening the security arrangements for watch and ward along Nangal Hydel Channel and Bhakra Main Line. In addition to regular patrolling of banks of the canal, police pickets have been set up at all important structures.

[English]

Expansion of Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited

3492. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to expand the BRPL at Bengaigaon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of crude oil likely to be transported to Bongaigaon Refinery;

(d) whether the present capacity of OIL pipeline is adequate to transport the additional crude;

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to augment the pipeline capacity; and

(f) the progress of construction of the OIL loop in between Sepon and Noonmati?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for expanding the Refining capacity of BRPL from 1.35 MMTPA to 2.35 MMTPA at an estimated cost of Rs. 222.99 crores is under consideration.

(c) 2.35 MMTPA of crude oil will have to be transported to the Bongaigaon Refinery.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Oil India's pipeline in the Jorhat-Gauhati sector will have to be expanded by

providing two loops and Gauhati-Bongaigaon sector by one loop in addition to providing pumping sets and other facilities.

(f) OIL has already laid about 31 kilometers of loopline between Ghani-Jagiroad in the Sekoni-Gauhati sector. However, the work has been suspended since May, 1990 due to local agitations.

Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Project

3493. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spend by the Government of Haryana on the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Project;

(b) the share of the Union Government therein;

(c) whether the Union Government have to reimburse any amount to the Government of Haryana in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said amount is proposed to be provided to the Government of Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). The Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal Project, comprising a 121 km link channel passing through Punjab, is fully funds by the Union Government and since 1986-87 releases to cover the expenditure on the project are being accordingly made by the Union Government. Till 1985-86, expenditure on the project was being shared by the Governments of Haryana and Punjab and the releases of Rs. 9.57 crores by Punjab and Rs. 110.50 crores by Haryana made till that period towards expenditure on the Project has been fully reimbursed to them.

Mineral Deposits in Sindhudurg District

3494. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the minerals available in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra;

(b) the details of their commercial mining viability;

(c) whether any of these minerals have been exported;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the proposed future plan for development of mines and export of these minerals from there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of LPG Agency to each Gram Panchayat

3495. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to allot LPG agency at each Panchayat level in tribal dominated areas;

(b) if so, the time by which this scheme is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) whether the Union Government propose to allot LPG agencies in Rajasthan particularly in tribal dominated areas of Udaipur and Dungurpur districts?